

REMARKS

The objection to the claims is respectfully traversed. Claim 12 (line 3) refers to a telephone line, while claim 16 (line 3) refers to a communication line. Claim 14 (line 3) refers to a telephone line, while claim 18 (line 3) refers to a communication line. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 10-11, 13, 15, 17, and 19-20 were rejected as anticipated by GREEN et al. 6,003,084. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Please make of record the 5 pages of background, 22 pages of discussion, and 4 pages of a table comparing the present invention to the applied reference in the Appendix; all prepared by the inventor. These documents explain in detail why GREEN et al. do not disclose the physical interruption of the communication link and should be considered very carefully because they provide a reasoned rebuttal of the rejection. The term "RCID" is a reference to the present invention.

In summary, a connection may be made physically and logically. GREEN et al. use a logical connection and do not disclose or suggest a physical interruption in the communication link. As explained by the applicant, because of the design of the system in GREEN et al., a physical interruption is not possible; it would shut down the network that would itself be a security incident. The statement in the Official Action that the

physical interruption is inherent in the system in GREEN et al. is not correct.

The remaining claims were rejected as unpatentable over further references. These further references have been considered and they do not make up for the shortcomings noted in the applicant's comments. The remaining claims are allowable for the reasons given. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the further rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the remarks in the Appendix, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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